



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2521**
Kenichi YAMASHITA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0047A
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 22, 2008, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants note a substantially identical reply was filed May 22, 2008. Such reply was deemed non-compliant for an incorrect claim designation. This reply is identical to such reply except the noted informality has been corrected. Applicants respectfully request entry of this reply.

An RCE is attached herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975